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SUBJ: EC NEGOTIATING MANDATE

REF: A) EC BRUSSELS 1839

B) EC BRUSSELS 1911

1. WE UNDERSTAND (REF B) THAT COMMISSION ON APRIL 4 ADOPTED PROPOSALS ON GENERAL APPROACH TO MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (MTN) AND SENT THEM TO COUNCIL. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHEN EC COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE UP COMMISSION' S PROPOSALS.

2. BASED ON PUBLIC INFORMATION ON THE MANDATE PARTICULARLY COMMISSION STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS AFTER THE APRIL 2-3 EC COUNCIL MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG (REF A) COMMISSION' S OVERALL APPROACH APPEARS TO BE GENERAL AND FLEXIBLE AND NOT UNDULY RESTRICTIVE. THERE DO SEEM TO BE, HOWEVER, SOME TROUBLE-SOME FEATURES AS OUTLINED BELOW. ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD BE ALERT TO OPPORTUNITIES TO STRESS THE FOLLOWING POINTS WITH APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INVOLVED WITH PREPARING POSITIONS FOR EC DISCUSSIONS.

3. IN GENERAL WE HOPE THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL ADOPT A FLEXIBLE MANDATE. THE MORE FLEXIBLE AND GENERAL THE COMMUNITY' S MANDATE, THE LESS LIKELY IT WILL BE TO PROVIDE

ARGUMENTS TO THOSE WHO WOULD ADD RESTRICTIVE FEATURES TO OUR TRADE BILL. POSTS SHOULD STRESS THAT THE MORE SPECIFIC THE MANDATE THE MORE LIKELY IT IS TO BE RESTRICTIVE. THIS COULD ONLY HINDER OUR EFFORTS TO GET THE TRADE BILL PASSED.

4. TARIFFS - WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE COMMUNITY DOES NOT LOCK INTO A PARTICULAR FORMULA FOR TARIFF REDUCTION AND/ OR HARMONIZATION. IF A FORMULA IS MENTIONED WE WOULD HOPE IT IS IN THE CONTEXT ONE TECHNIQUE AMONG SEVERAL TO ACHIEVE TARIFF REDUCTION (SEE DISCUSSION AT SOAMES-CASEY CONSULTATIONS).

5. AGRICULTURE -- WE WOULD HOPE WITH RESPECT TO AGRICULTURE THAT THE COMMUNITY' S POSITION WILL BE AS GENERAL AS POSSIBLE ON NEGOTIATING TECHNIQUES AND STRESS LIBERALIZED OFFICIAL USE

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LIZATION AND EXPANSION OF TRADE RATHER THAN TECHNIQUES.

(EC ACCEPTED EXPANSION AND GREATER LIBERALIZATION AS GOAL IN FEBRUARY 1972 US- EC TRADE DECLARATION.) IN PARTICULAR, IT WOULD GIVE US PROBLEMS IF THE COMMUNITY IS SPECIFIC ON COMMODITY AGREEMENTS AS A NEGOTIATING TECHNIQUE. AS UNDER SECRETARY CASEY MADE CLEAR IN HIS APRIL 5 STATEMENT, THE UNITED STATES IS NOT SEEKING TO DESTROY THE CAP BUT IS INTENT ON ACHIEVING AGRICULTURE TRADE LIBERALIZATION IN THE COURSE OF MIN. AT THIS STAGE BOTH US AND EUROPE SHOULD MAINTAIN MAXIMUM NEGOTIATING FLEXIBILITY ON MODALITIES FOR LIBERALIZATION.

6. LDC' S -- IT WOULD ALSO COMPLICATE OUR TASK IF THE COMMUNITY WERE TO SUBORDINATE THE OBJECTIVE OF TARIFF REDUCTIONS TO ITS OBJECTIVE OF MAINTAINING PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR ITS CLIENT STATES ESPECIALLY IN COMMODITIES OF INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES.

7. ADDRESSEES SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT WE WILL HAVE FURTHER COMMENTS AS SOON AS WE KNOW MORE ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE COMMISSION PROPOSALS. ROGERS

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